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Mr. Dennis K. Rathbun
Director Office of Congressional Affairs
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Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am forwarding to you a letter I received from one of my constituents.

I would appreciate it if you would look into this matter and respond to my constituent directly. Please also send me a copy of your response.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
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August 26, 2002

Dear Senator Boxer:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has applied to expand storage of high level radioactive waste onsite at its Diablo Canyon nuclear facility. As you know, Diablo Canyon is sited 2 1/2 miles from a major active earthquake fault (the Hosgri Fault). In addition, the dry cask system proposed does not meet 9/11 criteria, nor does it solve the problem of vulnerable spent fuel pools.

Ten local organizations have filed as Intervenors to address safety and financial concerns of PG&E's proposal. In addition, the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors and the San Luis Harbor District filed as government participants.

Not surprisingly, PG&E's response is that none of the contentions merit full hearings. On the other hand the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) supports two of the contentions and believes that the rest should be disallowed either because the full NRC Commissioners have failed to address 9/11 terrorist style accidents at nuclear power plants or that PG&E's bankruptcy is being heard in other proceedings.

The NRC has had 11 months to move towards making nuclear power facilities less vulnerable to terrorism and instead it has used its resources to promote new nuclear plants rather than adequately securing the plants sited around our country. We believe it is time for Congress to demand a General Accounting Office investigation into the NRC's cavalier attitude toward safety of reactor communities.

Please look into this extreme safety and terrorism problem as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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